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Andrew Niccol's new film, 'Gattaca,' starring Ethan Hawke, takes on the controversial issue of genetic manipulation.

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## Supreme Court denies 209 challenge

By Stacy Bush  
el Don News Editor

Proposition 209, the controversial ban on race and gender preferences in the state of California, was upheld by the Supreme Court as law on Monday.

After spending a year bouncing in and out of the court system, the Supreme Court allowed a lower court ruling in favor of 209 to stand.

The anti-affirmative action mea-

sure, says "the state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin."

Proponents of 209 see the proposition as the road to a "colorblind society" but opponents see it as a roadblock.

"The decision turns away the challenge at the courts, but it can't stop the challenge that is building in schools, neighbor-

hoods and workplaces across California," said Abdi Soltani of Californians for Justice, a group opposed to 209.

Affirmative action measures will no longer be used for admissions into the University of California.

Before the Supreme Court upheld the proposition, the UC Board of Regents enforced its own affirmative action ban for graduate, medical and law

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### PROP 209 AND EDUCATION

Gov. Pete Wilson is suing the state of California to strike down a 1978 law mandating community colleges to implement affirmative action hiring practices for minorities and women as staff and faculty.

UC administrators are looking at alternative ways to boost minority admissions that have traditionally lagged behind the others.



**What Gov. Pete Wilson Says:** This decision takes California another step closer to ending the kind of unfair preferences that separate people into groups and ... closer to achieving a true colorblind, equal opportunity society.



Santa Ana College students celebrate a western-themed homecoming week in the 1950s.

## Back To The Future

**HOMEcoming:** This year's festivities recapture memories of the past.

In an effort to recapture the school spirit of yesteryear, a time when homecoming meant parades, horseback rides and SAC pride, the Associated Student Government has dubbed this year's homecoming theme "Back to the Future".

"We wanted to celebrate the birth of a new college, as well as the memorable moments of an old one," said ASG member Luisa Ruiz. The football game Saturday will cap off a week of water balloon fights, painted faces and BBQ's.

"At halftime, during the football game, members of the student senate and ASG will be performing skits and dancing to songs from the past and present," said Ruiz. Home-

coming King and Queen will also be announced during the halftime performances. The postgame dance will be held in the cafeteria and the game room.

"We're having music from the '50s, '60s and '70s in the cafeteria," said Ruiz. "While more modern music will play in the game room." ASG is expecting a large number of students and faculty members to attend.

The homecoming game against Orange Coast will be played at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Eddie West field. The dance will begin at 6 p.m. and go until midnight.

- Veronica Peterson

## Festival celebrates diversity

**CAMPUS:** International Student Day brings cultural diversity to Santa Ana College.

By Dawnielle Peck  
el Don Staff Writer

Booths representing 30 countries crowded the quad on Wednesday as part of the International Festival.

The festival, which is put on every year by the International Student Program, gives clubs on campus the opportunity to participate in a celebration of the cultural and ethnic diversity at Santa Ana College.

Some booths contained artwork, entertainment, clothing, books, or food while providing information about their country. Moham Mure was in charge of the booth that represented the small Indian country Nepal.

Mure is the only student on campus from Nepal. He has lived in America for 18 months since moving from Nepal to seize an opportunity. Please see INTERNATIONAL, Page 3



### Magazine and newspaper take top national honors

Last week the Santa Ana College journalism program was recognized for its high standards of excellence. SAC is the only college in the nation to receive National Pacemaker Awards for magazine and two-year college newspaper. Both West 17th Magazine and el Don were also awarded first place "Best of Show" honors by the Associated Collegiate Press.



# NEWS BRIEFS

## □ NATION

### STUDENTS PROTEST FRATERNITY SCAVENGER HUNT

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Nearly 400 Indiana University students and faculty members protested in front of a fraternity house, saying a scavenger hunt conducted by members was racist, sexist and homophobic.

The protestors called for the expulsion of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, a predominantly white fraternity, after details of the scavenger hunt for pledges became public.

Written instructions told pledges, "You are all Black Men" and ordered them to seek out such items as "Pictures of chicks making out," and a picture of "Any funny-looking Mexican."

News of the scavenger hunt was made public after a group of pledges was arrested for stealing a sign.

Jason Niernan, the chapter's president, has apologized for the hunt, calling it a misunderstanding.

The national fraternity and IU suspended the chapter pending an investigation by the dean of students.

-Collegiate Press Service

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### JILTED GUNMAN SHOTS STUDENT IN DORM ROOM

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - A jilted boyfriend pumped three bullets into his former girlfriend's new beau in a West Virginia University dormitory Oct. 23 before turning the gun on himself.

The gunman, Andrew Willis, 20, died later in the hospital from self-inflicted wounds to the head. The victim, WVU student Nicholas Thompson, was shot in the chest, stomach and leg and was listed in fair condition.

The 18-year-old woman whose name was withheld, was also a WVU student, and was unharmed.

According to reports, Willis drove to the WVU campus in search of his ex-girlfriend, who was visiting Thompson in his dorm room. When Thompson opened the door, Willis began shooting.

Students reported what they thought was a Halloween prank. Thompson told police he initially thought he had been shot with paint pellets rather than bullets, according to news reports.

- Collegiate Press Service

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### WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING AT SAC

Santa Ana College will be holding an organizational meeting on Tuesday Nov. 11, at noon in the board room on Weight Watchers new diet breakthrough the "1 2 3 Success" weight loss plan. For more information or to sign up contact Kay Ferrell at (714) 564-6990.

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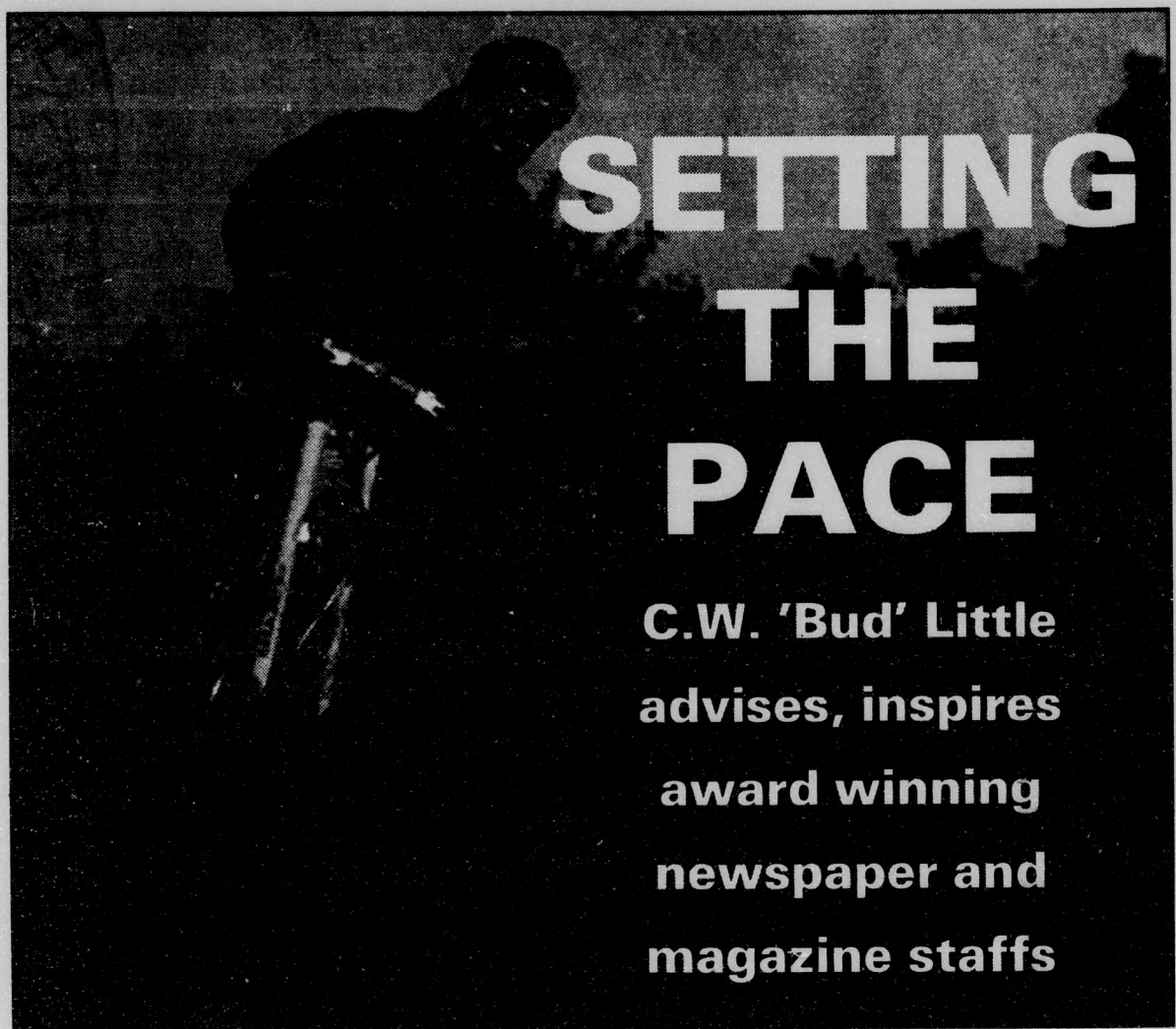
### SANDBAGGERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to fill sandbags next weekend in preparedness for a heavy rain season. The event is sponsored by the SAC fraternity, Alpha Gamma Sigma on Sat. Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Filling is at fire station #2 at 11805 Gilbert in Garden Grove.

If you have any questions or would like to help please call Peggy Snider at (714) 741-5375.

Compiled by the el Don News Staff

## PROFILE



**C.W. 'Bud' Little**  
advises, inspires  
award winning  
newspaper and  
magazine staffs

Don Dixon / el Don

An avid mountain biker, Bud Little finds satisfaction in challenging himself physically as well as mentally. Little is in training for a 24-hour mountain bike race next spring.

### JOURNALISM: SAC professor wins national adviser award.

By Veronica Peterson  
el Don Feature Editor

Nervously, an eight-year-old Charles "Bud" Little steps up to the plate in his first little league at bat. In front of his parents and the bigger boys, the smallest player feigns confidence, trying to prove he belongs.

Everyone's watching. With his head held high, he waits for the pitch. Here it comes, the fastest ball he's ever seen. Whack! Home run.

Nervously, a 39-year-old Charles "Bud" Little sits in an auditorium filled with his peers. The big boys. Professors and students from acclaimed journalism programs across the nation; Princeton, UCLA, Northwestern, USC. Once again, he's the underdog, a community college professor battling heavy-hitting four-year schools. He steps up to the plate.

"The Pacemaker award, often compared to the

Pulitzer Prize, is a symbol of excellence in college journalism," the announcer reads.

Little sits up straight in his seat, head held high. Everyone's watching.

From the hundreds of publications entered, says the announcer, only six will receive national recognition of excellence. Here comes the pitch.

"The 1996-97 national Pacemaker is awarded to ... Santa Ana College." Whack! Home run.

Bud Little's life has been full of unexpected success. He began his teaching career at Santa Ana College out of desperation in 1986. After receiving two masters degrees, one in communications and one in English, he went to work for a major Northern California media corporation.

Quickly rising to the top, his talents were utilized as a feature writer, editor, science and tech writer. At the age of 25, Little was making an unheard of six-figure salary, when the unexpected happened. His company went out of business.

Finding himself in dire need of a job, Little applied for teaching positions at local community colleges.

*"Bud is an excellent motivator. He gets the most out of his students and they get the most out of him."*

- Mike Reed, Dept. Chair,  
Saddleback College

"My mom knew my situation, saw a want ad for a journalism professor at Santa Ana College and I applied," Little said. "Ironically, I had no intentions of ever becoming a teacher."

After a rigorous interviewing process, Little was offered the job on a temporary basis. He was given one semester to revive the fallen journalism program or face the unemployment lines.

"The newspaper previously had a long tradition of excellence," Little said. "I felt that I could use my strengths to help turn it around."

Under the pressure of shaky job security, Little began to instill his cutting edge brand of journalism. That year, his students received 11 first-place writing awards at the state competition.

Because of his remarkable success that semester, Little

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# President's South American tour focuses on global Internet access

**POLITICS:** Clinton holds a town hall meeting for students on two continents.

By Maggie Welter  
Special to the el Don

Young leaders on two continents grilled President Clinton last month about subjects ranging from education to drug trafficking.

Clinton, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as part of his South American tour, took part in a televised town hall meeting with teens and young adults called "Voices of the Future: Face to Face with President." For about 45 minutes, Clinton answered questions from a studio audience in Argentina and from mostly Hispanic audiences in Buenos Aires and Miami.

The Miami and Los Angeles audiences communicated with the president via a two-way satellite link. During the question-and-answer session, Clinton addressed a number of issues, from global trade to human rights in developing nations.

But audience members seemed to be most concerned about the United States' plans for furthering technology and education in the Americas. Clinton told audience members one of his main goals of his week long trip was

to encourage South American leaders to help their citizens gain access to the Internet. "One of the things I've been trying to do on this trip is to get all of the leaders of South America to work with me, especially Argentina and Brazil, to dramatically increase the technology available to students and then the use of the Internet," said Clinton.

Hundreds of Argentine students outside the meeting protested. Police in downtown Buenos Aires arrested more than 200 people after a group of students stoned store windows, lit fires and burned the American flag in protest of Clinton's visit.

The young leaders were chosen by Univision, the Spanish network that sponsored the meeting. A translator was on hand to facilitate the question-answer session, which was beamed to more than 500 million households in 33 countries in this hemisphere and Spain and Portugal.

John Phillips, a University of Southern California junior and member of the student senate there, said he liked what he heard about the president's plan to encourage technology development in South America.

"I think he's taking a good approach to improving relations with South America," said Phillips, who did not attend the event but caught Clinton's re-

BILL CLINTON

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marks on the news. "By extending technology into their countries, the people will become better educated about the need to cooperate in a global economy and be able to improve their own lives."

Drug use was another topic of concern in all audiences. Clinton said the two key elements to lessening drug use were to convince people that drugs are deadly and working to cut off the supply.

"You must fight all the chain of supply, and you must change the whole psychology of demand," Clinton said. To do that, South American governments must cooperate with the United States.

"What we have to emphasize is that our approach is partnership, whether it's Mexico, Columbia or any other country in the world," Clinton said.

## International:

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nity to live with an American family and go to school in Southern California.

Mure said he made the decision to attend this college because of its "diversified culture, food and people."

Last year he became involved in student government as senator of humanities and technology.

Despite resigning from his position because of time constraints, he continues to attend student government meetings and is still involved in activities on campus including the International Festival on Wednesday.

He set up a booth devoted to his home country to inform other students of Nepal's old culture.

Along with help from friends, Mure displayed a few objects and books that he brought from his country. He also provided samosha, an authentic deep fried

dish, and napali chiya, a special tea.

A goal "to do something interactive and educational" fueled the Associated Student Body's Native American booth. Because there is no Native American club on campus, Lisa Padilla, a member of the Cultural Awareness Committee, decided that the students of SAC needed to "know who was here first."

Padilla said that since this is Native American month, it was "appropriate to do something for that culture."

This unique booth provided corn on the cob, cranberry juice and Indian tea. In order to involve students in active learning, questions were posted around the booth. If someone answered a question correctly, they would receive an information card or a dream catcher.

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## Prop 209:

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schools.

Beginning in 1998, undergraduate UC students will not be granted any gender or racial preferences, although Cal State University admission should not be affected by 209, according to Jim Blackburn, CSU Fullerton director of admissions and records.

"Proposition 209 will have a chilling effect on UC transfer students," said Isaac Guzman,

SAC university transfer center coordinator. He said he fears minority enrollment will decline further.

Those in favor of 209 say affirmative action is not necessary to promote equality and is a form of discrimination.

"I think that affirmative action is unconstitutional," said Larry Leeong, a Santa Ana College sophomore who is considering transferring to UCLA.

"I think to claim that being part of a minority is a poor excuse for lack of performance," said Leeong.

## Little:

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was asked to reapply for the permanent position of journalism professor and el Don newspaper adviser.

For the past 11 years he has used his experience as a journalism professional to help SAC students prepare for a career in mass media.

"Most community colleges just send you to English class and ship you out," said Little. "In my class, I give students practical, real-world experience. They'll be able to take the knowledge learned here and apply it to their futures."

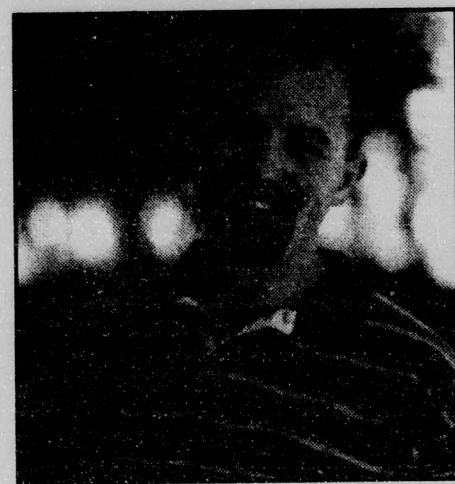
"He is so proud of students that go on to work in newspapers and radio," said Mark Platte, Los Angeles Times, Orange County Edition, assistant city editor and Little's former teaching assistant. "He can name every organization his students go into."

More than 100 former SAC students span the nation, working for television and radio stations, newspapers and magazines in big market cities, such as; New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle.

"Bud is an excellent motivator," said Mike Reed, Dept. Chair at Saddleback College, who has known Little for 12 years. "He gets the most out of his students and they get the most out of him."

"He has a passion for journalism and it comes through in his teaching," said Steve Ball, former el Don editor-in-chief.

From his trendy goatee, down to his not-so-cheap running shoes, Little, a former All-American track athlete, resembles just another college student. Perhaps the t-shirts worn by the newspaper staff sporting the logo, "Killer Journalism" written in bright red



type under a skull and crossbones, say the most about Little.

"His motto is to take chances, get messy and make mistakes. Mediocrity is worth nothing," said Jean Little, Bud's wife of 18 years.

"Bud has taught me that it's okay to make mistakes if you learn from them," said Chris Ceballos, former el Don editor-in-chief. "The confidence he inspires in us to take chances is responsible for much of our success."

Taking on former community college powerhouses like, Miami Dade in Florida and North Essex in Massachusetts, el Don has become the top two-year newspaper in the United States. Recently, under the direction of Little, SAC's magazine, West 17th, was named best magazine in the nation, by the Associated College Press. No other school, two or four-year, has won both honors in the same year.

At the same Chicago awards ceremony, Little was honored with the distinguished two-year adviser award. The award, given by the College Media Advisers, singles out extraordinary professors working hard to impact the lives of their students.

"Our success all has to do with dedication," said Theresa Hudzinski, current el Don editor-in-chief. "It's as important to Bud, that we succeed, as it is to us."

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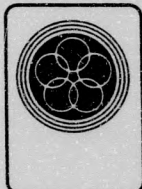
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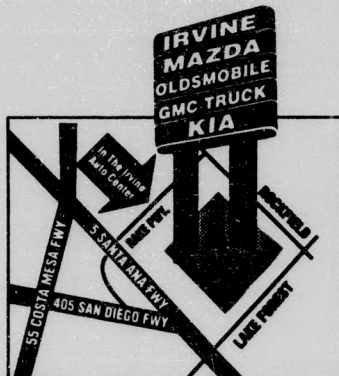
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Dawnielle Peck

## One Marilyn Manson scares me; 50 terrifies me.

Dolly is the science world's cover girl. I could be a cover girl too if I were a cloned sheep. Fortunately I am neither.

I am an individual and I consider that a gift. I am not about to give up that gift because cloning is the latest trend in science.

It's bad enough that every junior high school boy wears the same Volcom shirt. It's even worse that every high school girl wears the same platforms from Wet Seal. So everyone dresses alike. What more do scientists want? I guess they want an entire world filled with just one person.

I like science, I just don't like the road that science is taking. What about individuality and feelings? What about the little things that make me "me?" If I were cloned would my clone be a klutz too? Would she talk in her sleep? Would she be able to fit her fist in her mouth? But if my clone can't do any of these things, then she wouldn't be me.

Cloning is just not ethical. It's a way for scientists to play with the human race.

It scares me to think that I live in a time when there are people such as Marilyn Manson walking around. It terrifies me to think that there might come a time when there could be 50 Marilyn Mansons walking the face of the earth.

If they're going to clone anyone, why don't they clone Tom Cruise- or Bill Gates' money? With science, anything is possible.

etc...

## Discrimination based on genetics

# In-valid Existence



Photo Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Ethan Hawke stars as Vincent Freeman, who is forced to assume the identity of a genetic elite, Jerome Morrow (Jude Law).

### FILM REVIEW: Gattaca handles the hot issue of genetic engineering deftly.

By Ethan Rogers  
el Don Staff Writer

DNA was discovered to be the building block of life in the 1950s. Today we have genetically engineered sheep, The Human Genome project, and Gattaca.

Gattaca is Andrew Niccol's view of where advances in genetics could take us in the not too distant future.

Ethan Hawke stars as Vincent Freeman, a natural birth or "In-valid" (a person who was brought into the world without gene therapy prior to fetal development).

Vincent has a dream of going to the stars, but he along with other "In-valids" face discrimination based on their imperfect genes. In this world, people aren't pigeon-holed on the basis of their physical appearance, but their genetic capabilities. In an attempt to realize his dream, Vincent assumes the identity of Jerome Morrow (played by Jude Law) a genetically perfect "Valid" specimen. He is able to do this because as Vincent says, "there's no gene

## Designer Genes

In 1996 the world witnessed a major science breakthrough. Dolly was introduced to as the first sheep to be cloned. She was an identical genetic copy of a six-year-old sheep. Since that day in February Dolly has become very famous and her cloning creators have stirred up a lot of controversy.



Dolly, the cloned sheep

Most scientist believe that cloning will prove to be a useful tool for research. Many others believe that it is unnatural, and life is not something you should play with especially not in a petri dish.

The California Legislature is currently working on a bill that would place a five-year hold on efforts to clone humans. The legislation would make it illegal to clone, buy or sell a human ovum, zygote, embryo, or fetus for the purposes of cloning. An institution caught violating the law would face a \$1 million fine and the loss of professional licenses. Individuals would be fined \$250,000.

By imposing the cloning ban, everyone will have an opportunity to explore legal, scientific, and philosophical issues. The ban will not interfere with other aspects of cloning research.

-Tara Fleig

for fate."

Vincent assumes Jerome's identity through an amazing use of dead skin, hair and bodily fluids provided by Jerome. Crippled in a suicide attempt, Jerome is selling his prized body parts for cash.

Vincent goes through extreme physical punishment in order to secure a job at the Gattaca Corporation as a navigator. The interaction between Hawke and Law is some of the most interesting acting to grace the big screen in a long

time. Law is believable in his portrayal of a depressed "Valid."

Disguised as Jerome, Vincent meets and falls in love with Irene (played by Uma Thurman) who believes him to be the genetically perfect individual he pretends to be. Vincent proceeds to convince Irene, herself a "Valid" with acceptable levels of genetic imperfection, that she should not be limited by her genetic makeup.

Vincent is about to realize his dream and navigate a flight to Titan, Saturn's fourth moon, when a murder at the Gattaca Corporation threatens to expose him.

The acting in this film is surprisingly good for a general release movie. Usually the major motion picture companies turn out useless, unbelievable, cookie-cutter style movies that are closer to being long-winded commercials than art. Gattaca is different. This movie takes on the sensitive issue of genetic engineering, handles it deftly and still manages to provide the audience with beautiful imagery and believable acting. Gattaca unfolds with some interesting twists and a thought provoking look at a possible future. This is one worth seeing.

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## OPINION

# It's money that matters

By Steve Ball  
el Don Views Editor

Last week, the editorial staffs of Santa Ana College's newspaper and magazine traveled to Chicago for the Associated Collegiate Press College Media Advisors Convention. While there we attended seminars on various aspects of writing, design, marketing and career opportunities as well as meeting other students with similar interests from throughout the nation.

West 17th magazine and el Don newspaper also competed against other College publications. Both received Pacemakers, "The Pacemaker" is the highest honor college publications can receive, referred to by organizers as the Pulitzer Prize of College Journalism. In the magazine category we competed against both two and four year colleges, including the top journalism schools in the country. This would be equivalent to our football team winning the Rose Bowl.

The newspaper and the magazine were also awarded first place in the best of show categories. As icing on the cake Professor C.W. Little was also named advisor of the year.

At the convention and upon our return some very valuable lessons were learned by our staff, some good and some bad. On the bright side we learned that hard work and long hours pay off in the end. We also learned how good it feels to be winners. Another valuable, though not so nice lesson we learned was that, while the pen is mightier than the sword, the dollar kicks both their asses.

We learned too that sports will always be more important than academic achievements. Surely, if one of Santa Ana College's sports teams had won the equivalent of a national title it would be front page news. We received a little more than a column inch on page three of the second section of our home town newspaper, The Register. To add insult to injury the piece was inaccurate at best. This was not surprising since the interview was conducted over the telephone in about three minutes. The other newspaper from the big city up north, sent both a reporter and a photographer who spent a couple of hours in our newsroom. So much for community spirit.

By the same token if one of our teams had achieved such high honors these programs would reap the benefits. We are assured of getting offers from obscure colleges that got our names off the web. The journalism program will also have to get by on the same budget that we have struggled with since 1971, about what one of our sports teams paid for new uniforms.

These lessons, though not pleasant are very useful in planning our futures. Any ideas of the importance of good reporting and journalistic ethics have been smashed. In the words of songwriter Randy Newman, "It's money that matters." I wonder if it's too late to switch my major to business or marketing.



## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Proposition 209 stands

Proposition 209 states in part that, "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 makes it a violation of federal law to "Discriminate because of race, color, religion sex, or national origin," in education or employment. To many both of these documents appear to be very similar. To hear opponents of proposition 209 tell it, one is a sacred document, while the other is a racist attempt to deny minority groups equal opportunity.

Monday the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with supporters of the controversial measure and refused to overturn the lower courts decision to allow 209 to stand. Affirmative action, while well intentioned was from the start ill conceived, it was also never intended to be a permanent solution Trying to stop discrimination with more discrimination is like

teaching your child to stop hitting others by spanking them.

In stark contrast to what opponents predicted, some minority enrollments have actually increased at Universities of California campuses. Enrollment of Asian students is up at several schools in the UC system. Claude Fischer, a UC Berkeley sociologist told the San Francisco chronicle that, according to survey results, the reason is that these students put in more hours on their schoolwork. He also cited an advantage of coming from a culture that doesn't buy into the concept that academic differences are natural, but the result of hard work.

We agree with the chairman of Proposition 209 Ward Connerly when he said that it was "poisonous and destructive for Californians to be treating each other based on race." Ending preferences in hiring and admissions policies seem to be a good place to start. Animosity only breeds more animosity. Preferential treatment like discrimination will never solve the problem.

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## Dons leave 'em in the dust

**MEN:** Tiebreaker leaves SAC in second place at OEC Finals

By Cliff H. Mason  
el Don Staff Writer

The Santa Ana College men's cross country team was tied for first place with 41 points Saturday, in the Orange Empire Conference Championship held at Laguna Niguel Park, until a tie-breaker reduced them to second place, while Saddleback College took first.

"I'm satisfied with the outcome," said Al Siddons, the Dons' head coach. "Our kids ran well and so did Saddleback. It was a great effort, what more could you ask for."

Although the championship is over, the dust is still settling from what turned out to be the Dons' biggest challenge this year. They were highly favored going into Saturday's championship. SAC finished first in every invitational

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### MEN'S OEC RESULTS

Place	Name	Time
3	Alex Reyes	21:20
4	Juan Soto	21:27
5	Mike Avellan	21:27
14	Jimmy Patino	22:09
15	Victor Aranda	22:16
17	Jim Sparks	22:39
21	Jason Claypool	22:34
23	Berto Castro	22:47
24	Ralph Perez	23:16
32	Mike Lopez	26:09
60	Israel Soriano	28:32
62	W. Morales	28:44
63	Carlos Guevera	27:40
64	Tran Tuan	31:39

### WOMEN'S OEC RESULTS

Place	Name	Time
7	Miriam Garcia	20:01
10	Karla Rojas	20:32
14	Alma Soto	21:03
16	Maria Hernandez	22:09
25	Erika Gutierrez	22:22
30	Lety Padilla	22:46
37	Nashelly Ortiz	24:02
49	Lorena Ciniceros	28:42

● Sophomores Miriam Garcia and Karla Rojas were selected to the All-Conference Team, as they led the Dons to a third place finish with a score of 71.

**WOMEN:** Cross Country places third at conference finals.

By Cliff H. Mason  
el Don Staff Writer

Santa Ana College women's cross country team placed third in the Orange Empire Conference Championship, Saturday, at Laguna Niguel Park, with a hard earned score of 71.

Led by the strong running of Miriam Garcia, who finished the women's 5,000 meter course in 20:02 for seventh place, the Dons kept the same position in the championship that they had in the preview.

At the halfway point Garcia was in the sixth position with a comfortable lead over Saddleback's Gina DeFazio.

But as the race continued she was caught and passed by DeFazio.

Orange Coast College dominated the women's champion-

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SAC  
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Southern California Championships are tomorrow at Irvine Park.



## Soccer still winless in conference

**SOCCER:** An inexperienced women's soccer team produces a 1-1 tie against Golden West.

By Elvira Weigold  
el Don Style Editor

In their second meeting this season the Dons tied the Golden West Rustlers once again with a score of 1-1.

Although SAC is suffering because of injuries and ineligibility, they still managed to play an offensive first half.

Don Captain Christina Lopez scored the only goal for SAC changing their league standing to 0-8-2

The second half started with SAC out shooting Golden West 18 to three, but the Rustlers returned focused and aggressive taking more shots at goalkeeper Lilly Cisneros and finally tying the score in the last 15 minutes of game.

"Today's game should have been a victory, but we were not able to stay focused for the entire game," said Coach Juan Mares. He said that the team has improved their skills and tactics its inexperience and lack of guns forbids them from being aggressive

Mares said they're hoping for one more victory before the season's over but that will be a challenge because five players are out of commission.

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SAC's Cecilia Zuniga edges out a Golden West Rustler for control of the ball. Women's soccer plays Irvine Valley November 11 at Santa Ana.

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## Men: Blazing

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they've participated in this season.

That should have been enough to make any team step aside. Instead, Riverside City College, as well as, Saddleback gave the Dons all the competition they needed.

By 10:30 a.m., at the start of the race, it was already 80 degrees at the park, but that was not an obstacle in the Dons' path. The hills were wet and slippery from the morning dew, still that played no part in the outcome. SAC had placed their healthiest and most experienced men on the course. Each man had a job to do; it was not a time for excuses.

One half hour later, when all the results were in, RCC had

placed third in the championship, with 71 points, behind the strong running, and first place finish of Neil Smart, who ran the 4-mile course in 20:47. SC's Dan Gaston placed second running 21:07.

Edgar Reyes, finished third with a time of 21:21. Juan Soto, and Mike Avellan both ran a 21:30 tiring 4-miles to take the fourth and fifth place positions.

All three men were selected to the OEC All Conference Team.

The Gauchos had the top five finishers, which added one tenth to the Dons' total score in the tie-breaker.

The Dons run in the Southern California Championship, at Irvine Park tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.



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The Dons relax and goof around after a 1-1 tie to the Golden West Rustlers.

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ship. The first five runners to finish the course were all from OCC, and they had led throughout the entire race. Donna Harris was first with a winning time of 18:52.

OCC literally ran away with the event with a score of 15. Saddleback was second with 68 points, only three points below SAC.

Another Don to finish in the top 10 was Karla Rojas who

finished 10th with a personal best time of 20:33. Rojas and Garcia were both selected to the OEC All Conference Team.

"I was very tired by the end of the course," said Rojas. "But I'm satisfied with the results, that was my best time ever."

Alma Soto was 14th for the Dons, with a 21:03 finishing time, and Maria Hernandez placed 16th as she came across the finish line in 21:19.

## Looking forward to the new season

**WRAP UP:**  
Captains offer words of wisdom to returning players.

They don't just pose like girls, they play like girlies too. Their OEC standings reflects this with a record of 0-8-2.

They have two games left and they're hoping for one more victory, "We're going to work on communicating," said Christine Lopez one of the captains.

As always, an intense few concentrate and hustle, soon others are inspired, and the practice becomes more fo-

cused - labeling their passes with a name or calling out for a ball, "Behind you Monica!"

Captains Christina Lopez, Remy Amaro, and Tana Botige, all finishing their final season at Santa Ana College, agree that lack of communication and clicks within the team were their biggest pitfalls.

For those who will return next season, Botige, a defender offers a little advice, "Play with your hearts."

Amaro, who doubles as a defender and a mid-fielder, urges them to play the game, "don't just go through the motions."

Finally Lopez, who's been playing with a torn cartilage since a pregame reminds them not to miss the point of the game, the competition, but also to remember that, "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, if you tried your best that's what's important."

-Elvira Weigold

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